

Corres. and Mail  
**BOX AF**

Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
- Expedited Examining Procedure -  
Examining Group 2768

AF/27  
Antricia Delors  
#8/10/02  
BOX AF  
80428DAN  
6-27-02

Customer No. 01333



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Walter C. Slater, et al

PHOTOFINISHING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD INCORPORATING  
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Serial No. US 09/494,011

Filed 28 January 2000

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Group Art Unit: 2768

2164

Examiner: Francis John Bartuska

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited today with the  
United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to  
Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Lisa DeMunck

Date

RECEIVED  
JUN 25 2002  
Technology Center 2600

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please replace existing claims 1, 3, 33, 38 and 40 with the  
following amended claims 1, 3, 33, 38 and 40. A marked-up version of the  
amended claims is attached to the end of the response.

1. (Twice amended) A method of producing digital image  
products in a photofinishing lab, the photofinishing lab having a plurality of  
image obtaining devices for obtaining a plurality of digital images from multiple  
customer orders, a plurality of digital output devices for providing a plurality of  
digital image products based on the obtained digital images the method  
comprising the steps of:

associating each obtained digital image with identification data;  
sending each of said obtained digital images and their associated  
identification data to a central processing unit, the central processing unit